



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County
Rules and Administration Committee Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 5, 2016 10:00AM Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm. 569
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chair Daley, Commissioners Fritchey, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Steele (8)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer (1)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Suffredin asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.

1. George Blakemore, concerned citizen
2. Karin Hribar, Co-President, League of Women Voters of Cook County

16-5652

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 9/14/2016

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Steele, to approve 16-5652. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chair Daley, Commissioners Fritchey, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Steele (8)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer (1)

16-4645

Sponsored by: LARRY SUFFREDIN and JOHN P. DALEY, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR MANAGING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2 Administration, Article III, County Board, Division 2 - Rules of Organization and Procedure, Sections 2-105 (g) and (j) (3) - Meetings of the Board of the Cook County of the Cook County Code is are hereby amended as Follows:

Sec. 2-105. - Board of Commissioners; meetings of the Board.

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(g) Order of business.

(1) At each regular meeting of the Board, the order of business (unless otherwise directed by the Board) is as follows:

~~a. Public testimony.~~

~~b. Consent calendar~~

~~c. New Business~~

~~d. Committee Items Requiring Board action~~

(2) The Board may grant members of the public leave to speak on items pending before the Board pursuant to the rules set forth in Section 2-105(i).

(3) All questions relating to the priority of business shall be decided by the presiding officer, without debate, subject to appeal.

(4) Meetings of the Board may commence with a prayer or invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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(3) Consent calendar. The Consent Calendar is a compilation of proposed resolutions concerning deaths, anniversaries, and congratulations for notable achievements. Only proposed resolutions conforming to this description may be submitted to the Secretary for inclusion on the Consent Calendar, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to prepare the Consent Calendar for any regular meeting of the Board. Proposed resolutions on the Consent Calendar are non-debatable, and shall not be read in to the record or otherwise considered individually, but shall be part of a motion to approve the Consent Calendar in its entirety. Any item on the Consent Calendar may be removed by a motion, seconded and approved, and shall then be subject to the provisions of this division as provided herein. Once a month, a Special Meeting of the Board shall be called at 9:00 am of the morning, preceding the regular meeting of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners when such meeting is convened at 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. The purpose of the Special Meeting will be to consider proposed Consent Resolutions concerning deaths, anniversaries and congratulations notable achievements. Such Special Meetings shall have as the only agenda items the reading of the resolution, discussion of the resolution and the taking of a photo. In the months where there is no Forest Preserve meeting at 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, a Special Meeting of the Board may be called for purposes of the Consent Calendar.

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Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect on December 1, 2016.

A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Fritchey, to recommend for deferral 16-4645. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chair Daley, Commissioners Fritchey, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Steele (8)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer (1)

16-4708

Sponsored by: ROBERT STEELE, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING DECORUM GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Chapter 2 Administration, Article III, County Board, Section 2-105 (i) of the Cook County Code, is hereby amended as follows:

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(i) *Public testimony.* Subject to the provisions herein, public testimony will be permitted at ~~regular and special meetings of the Board~~ meetings of the Board and Committees of the Board. Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon to deliver testimony ~~at a time specified in the meeting agenda.~~ on any and all matters pending before the Board or in a Committee of the Board meeting on that day at only one of the following times:

- 1) At 9:00 am on the day of a meeting of the Board;
- 2) At 9:30 am when there is no meeting of the Board, but a Committee or Committees of the Board will meet and there is a meeting of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners; or
- 3) Thirty minutes before the first scheduled meeting of a Committee of the Board on days when there is no meeting of the Board, but a Committee or Committees of the Board will meet.

The Secretary shall record and broadcast the public testimony. Pursuant to Section 2-105 (e)(3) of the Code, should a quorum not be present at a meeting of the Board or a Committee of the Board, the Commissioners present shall be competent to receive public testimony. Public testimony must be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda, and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board. Failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. shall observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity and good taste. Public speakers shall not:

- (1) make vulgar, abusive, slanderous, defamatory, obscene, threatening, or personally offensive Remarks;
- (2) engage in any disorderly conduct which disturbs or disrupts the orderly conduct of any meeting;
- (3) speak to an item that is not germane to the meeting;
- (4) fail to adhere to the time requirements.

Public speakers shall be given notice of this rule on the agenda for any meeting.

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Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption

A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Fritchey, to recommend for deferral 16-4708. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chair Daley, Commissioners Fritchey, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Steele (8)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer (1)

ADJOURNMENT

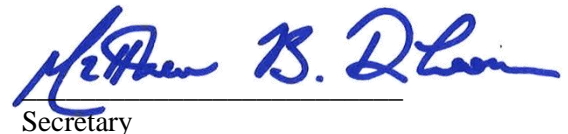
A motion was made by Commissioner Fritchey, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chair Daley, Commissioners Fritchey, Morrison, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Steele (8)

Absent: Commissioner Gainer (1)

Respectfully submitted,


Chairman


Secretary

*A video recording of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>